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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of:              | ) |                      |
|                                    | : | Examiner: L. Liang   |
| KIMIYUKI HAYASAKI                  | ) |                      |
|                                    | : | Group Art Unit: 2853 |
| Appln. No.: 10/629,919             | ) |                      |
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| Filed: July 30, 2003               | ) |                      |
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| For: CONTROL METHOD FOR PRINTING ) |   | August 21, 2006      |
| APPARATUS :                        |   | (Monday)             |

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:                   -----

Introductory Comments

Prior to the examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.